

WILL ORGANIZE
TO WIN FIGHTProduce Growers Meet in
Miami and Discussed Plans

NEXT MEETING JULY 22

Organization will Embrace Producing Sec-
tion of East Coast—Will Affiliate with
State Organization of Growers.Fundamental plans for the organi-
zation of the East Coast Fruit and
Vegetable Growers' Association was
adopted last Thursday by a meeting of
about a hundred growers representing
the counties of St. Lucie, Dade and
Miami Beach, held in Miami.Because of the volume of discussion
brought on by the various points to be
covered in the organic articles of the
constitution it was necessary to postpone
the meeting of the constitution and by-laws
to a subsequent meeting which it
was determined to hold July 22 at Mi-
ami.From the Miami Metropolis the fol-
lowing account of the meeting is clipped:
There were two sessions of the
meeting, which was called to order at
10 o'clock by W. A. Filer. After de-
termining upon the desirability of or-
ganization and discussing the scope
of it should cover and the objects to
be attained a committee of five was ap-
pointed to draft an outline to be fol-
lowed in perfecting the permanent or-
ganization. The committee on organi-
zation was composed of W. A. Mont-
gomery, T. V. Moore, T. A. Winfield,
J. M. Holding and John Bryan.This committee reported in the after-
noon, and the report was taken up by
the assembly and adopted in this manner
but few changes. The points cov-
ered in the report of the committee
were:The name is to be the East Coast
Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Associa-
tion.Growers for market only will be en-
titled to full membership with the vot-
ing privileges; others interested and
not for market will become honorary members.
The objects are to promote the in-
terests of the members; to secure
equitable freight rates and united ac-
tion among the growers in the manage-
ment of labor, the purchase of crate
material and fertilizers.Affiliation with the Florida Fruit and
Vegetable Growers' Protective Associa-
tion was recommended.An initiation fee of two dollars and
annual dues of two dollars will be col-
lected.The first annual meeting will be held
January 1, 1910.A committee of three, composed of
T. V. Moore, A. A. Boggs, and W. A.
Montgomery was appointed to draft
constitution and by-laws to report at
the next meeting.The officers of the association to be
elected at the next meeting will be a
president, vice-president, secretary,
treasurer and seven directors.A list of those present desiring to
become members was taken, and the
membership fee collected. The char-
ter list contains the names of seventy
growers of the three counties.In effecting the temporary organiza-
tion W. A. Filer was elected chairman
and J. M. Holding secretary.In opening the meeting, Mr. Filer
had issued the call, stated that the
movement for an organization had or-
iginated at a meeting held some weeks
ago at Lemon City at which he was
presented to call a general meeting of
the growers to such an end.Filer laid the burden of the
organization on the shoulders of the
growers at the doors of the
organization companies and showed by
a compilation of figures that the
charges paid by the Flori-
da growers for the freights paid on
products coming from Cuba
amounted during the past year to
\$200,000. The average dif-
ference on a crate of pine-
apples, fruit or oranges as be-
tween Florida and Florida points was
in favor of Havana. He esti-
mated that about \$260,000 had been
expended during the year on these
commodities; that the difference
between the two had amounted to \$300,000
the excess paid on eggplants,
other vegetables had
amounted to some \$200,000 more.The organization might be
immediately action and
gain the relief needed. He
stated that the organization might be
allied with the State asso-
ciation and that organization in
the matter of freight
rates.The meeting might appoint
a committee to confer with the railroad
in an effort to get a reduc-
tion in the freight rates to be taken to en-
dorsed by the Interstate Commerce
Commission.Any one or all of
the above might be done, said the
speaker in conclusion he referred
to the constitution and said that uni-
fied action should be adopted by the
organization.The organization in local organiza-
tion was said that he was pres-ent because he wanted to see the Dade
county growers go further and act as a
unit with the State organization. He
said that the fruit growing interests of
Florida represented between \$20,000,-
000 and \$30,000,000, and a strong State
organization would be an irresistible
power. He wanted to see the organiza-
tion perfected in Dade county and then
become a part of the Fruit & Vegetable
Growers' Association, which was al-
ready organized, but which, he regretted
to say, had received but little support
from the growers of the East Coast.
This association had a well paid attor-
ney whose particular business it was to
take matters of discriminatory freights
before the Interstate Commerce Com-
mission. Mr. Moore continued by say-
ing that Florida suffered discrimination
not only in competition with Cuba and
Porto Rico but with the growers of
other sections of the country. He
made it stronger by saying that Flori-
da growers paid higher rates than any
similar class of people in the world.
In conclusion he presented J. C. Chase,
secretary and manager of the Florida
Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Associa-
tion, who came from Jacksonville to be
present.Mr. Chase related briefly the organi-
zation of State association two years
ago and gave some account of the work
it had accomplished for the benefit of
the growers. He said that when the
association began operations that Flori-
da growers didn't have a carload rate
and the first fight that the association
took before the Interstate commission
resulted in a saving of \$200,000 a year
to the growers.Mr. Chase emphasized the fact that
while the Florida grower comes into
competition with the Cuban fruit first
that he is in competition with the grow-
ers of Texas and Mississippi, California
and other states, which have an ad-
vantage in freight rates over Florida.
He said that the advantage enjoyed by
the Texas grower over the Florida
grower amounted to about 100 per cent.
While the Florida fruit and package
were more attractive, still he said the
Texas and Mississippi growers could
sell their fruit for what the Florida
growers paid in freight and in this
manner the Florida grower bore an un-
just burden to the profit of the railroad.
He said the growers of other states
were preparing to make their fruits
more attractive on the markets by
adopting the Florida package.That equitable freight rates are made
more needed than immigration and will
do more to develop the resources of
the State was a statement boldly made
by Mr. Chase. He said that the agri-
cultural possibilities of the State were
being retarded and held back because
of the unjust freight rates levied by
the railroads. He said it would do no
good to get people into the State to
settle the farms until the matters of
rates was adjusted so that the Florida
farmer would have a fair deal in the
markets. He referred to the experience
of California. The growers or-
ganized fight and secured a blanket
rate that made it possible to send a car
from one market to another in cases of
congestion without extra cost to the
grower. "And when they had us all
beat on freight rates," said Mr. Chase,
"then they invited people to come in
and settle.""Why we have had practically the
same freight rates in Florida for twenty
years," said Mr. Chase, "there has
been no change to meet the changing
conditions. If we expect to succeed it
is necessary that we get reductions."Mr. Chase referred to the case now
(continued on page 8)OPENING DATES OF
EAST COAST HOTELSThe Florida East Coast Hotel Com-
pany announces the following dates as
the period of operation of the hotels of
the system during the season of 1909-10:The hotels of the Florida East Coast
Hotel Company are all operated on the
American plan, but in addition each one
has a first-class grill room.Ponce de Leon, St. Augustine, under
the management of Robert Murray,
opens Wednesday, January 5th, 1910,
closes Tuesday, April 5, 1910.Alcazar, St. Augustine, (American
plan only), under the management of
Wm. McAuliffe, opens Saturday, Decem-
ber 11; closes Saturday, April 16.Ormond, Ormond-on-the-Halfway, un-
der management of J. D. Price, opens
Thursday, Jan. 6; closes Monday April 4.The Breakers, Palm Beach, under the
management of Leland Steery, opens
Saturday, December 25; closes Satur-
day, April 2, 1910.Royal Poinciana, Palm Beach, under
the management of Fred Sterry and H.
E. Bemis, opens Wednesday, January
12; closes Tuesday, March 29.Royal Palm, Miami, under the man-
agement of Joseph P. Greaves, opens
Saturday, Jan. 1; closes Friday, April 1.The Colonial, Nassau, Bahama Is-
lands, under the management of H. E.
Bemis and J. W. Green, opens Satur-
day, January 8; closes Friday April 1.Royal Victoria, Nassau, Bahama Is-
lands, under the management of H. E.
Bemis, dates to be announced later.The Continental, Atlantic Beach, un-
der the management of H. E. Bemis,
opens Monday, March 21; closes during
August, 1910.Long Key Fishing Camp, Long Key,
under the management of L. P. Schutt,
opens Wednesday, December 1, 1909;
closes Monday, April 18, 1910.GROWERS SEND
BIG PETITIONAsks Congress to Maintain Duty
On Pines Given by Senate

LAST CALL FOR TARIFF

Document Signed by Prominent Pineapple
Growers of East Coast Goes for Pres-
entation to Conference CommitteeThe last call on congress to maintain
the tariff on pineapples which was adopted
by the senate was made last Satur-
day by the growers in the form of a
petition addressed to the conference
committee of the United States Senate
and House of Representatives.The petition was circulated by grow-
ers at many shipping points and was
forwarded Saturday night to the Flori-
da representatives for presentation to
the committee. The petition contains
the signatures of many prominent pine-
apple growers on the East Coast. The
text of the document follows:We, the undersigned growers of pine-
apples in the southern part of the State
of Florida, and others financially inter-
ested, desire by this petition to present
to your honorable committee the fol-
lowing facts and respectfully ask that
the same may be given your earnest
and favorable consideration:1. Upward of 10,000 American citi-
zens are dependent upon the successful
growing and marketing of pineapples
in the State of Florida.2. That over 7,000 acres of land have
been cleared and planted and are now
devoted to the growth of such fruits.3. That between \$3,000,000 and \$4,-
000,000 have been and still are invested
in such enterprise and industry by us
and other growers.4. That the crop of pineapples grown
in the State of Florida has yearly in-
creased from 106,000 crates in 1897 to
about 725,000 crates in 1908 and to over
1,000,000 crates this year (1909), being
an increase in the last year alone of
about 250,000 crates.5. That such industry can be increas-
ed to any extent as we still have more
than 1,000,000 acres of land of the very
best quality, available and suitable for
the growing of pineapple in Florida.6. That pineapples are shipped from
Florida every month in the year. The
main crop from the plantations in the
most southerly part of the State begins
to move early in April and from the
northern part in the month of May,
thus coming in direct competition with
all shipments from Cuba or elsewhere.7. Importations from Cuba alone for
the year 1909 were about 700,000 crates
more than for the year 1908. This with
an increased production by us of 250,000
crates more than last year completely
demoralized all markets and caused a
loss to Florida growers of at least 75
cents per crate, or a total of \$750,000,
or \$250,000 more than the estimated
loss shown by the delegation of Florida
growers when before the Senate Finance
Committee on June 16th, last.8. The attention of your honorable
committee is especially called to this
severe loss and your petitioners ask that
you will give them such relief as will
save them from absolute ruin and the
necessity of abandoning their pineapple
plantations and homes, which must fol-
low if the tariff of one-half cent per
pound or 40 cents per crate as voted by
the United States Senate on June 23rd
last, is not conceded to them.

The General Difficulty in Florida.

Capt. Geo. E. Andrews, of Walton,
has been endeavoring to arouse the in-
terest of the pineapple growers in the
matter of organization; particularly he
wishes to induce them to attend a meet-
ing he expected to call at which he pro-
posed to make an address on a change
in the methods of marketing the fruit
and making an earnest effort to build
up the pineapple industry "on a solid
and sensible f. o. b. basis." In a re-
cent communication to the ST. LUCIE
COUNTY TRIBUNE he seems disposed to
give up the idea of the meeting from
lack of encouragement on the part of
the growers. There seems to be great
difficulty in Florida to induce growers
to safeguard their own interests by
hanging together, when that is the only
way their interests can be put on a safe
and sure basis.—Times-Union.MUCH BENEFITED BY
CANADIAN CLIMATEBayfield, Ont., Canada, July 8, 1909
Editor TRIBUNE:A word as to our wanderings may in-
terest you and as time is a drug in the
market with us at present I will satisfy
a homesick feeling which comes over
me now and then, by writing you a
short account of our present beautiful
surroundings.After a pleasant fortnight in Toronto,
resting, after our long and delightfully
easy trip from Fort Pierce, we came
on here to visit a very dear niece at
summer home. This country town is
an ideal place for summering quietly.
Ten miles from the nearest railway andsurrounded on three sides by a splendid
farming country it is rural in the ex-
treme and a number of Detroit and
London families appreciating its quiet
have built beautiful summer homes far
away from the dance hall and merry-
go-round usually found at summer res-
orts. To the northwest Lake Huron
stretches from our feet to far beyond
the horizon; it's clear, cold waters
sparkling in the sunlight. We look out
over it from a bluff over one hundred
feet high, which forms the shore line
for miles north and south of us. At
this point a tumbling trout stream has
cut its way down to the lake level
forming a romantic ravine winding
back into the country full of beautiful
little views of wooded slopes and green
valleys to delight the artistic eye. The
outlet of the stream has been improved
by the government so as to form a
snug harbor and a fleet of "Mackinac"
fishing boats go out daily to look after
their gill nets set far out in the tum-
bling waters of the great lake.Magnificent roads stretch back into
the country from here and are bordered
everywhere by fine farms and country
homes. The crops promise bountifully
and the fine cattle indicate prosperity.The outlook from our cottage is ex-
ceedingly pleasant. The ravine and
hills are heavily wooded with great
beech and maple trees and in many
places the darker green of the sturdy
little cedars comes out in sharp con-
trast. In the background the clear ex-
panse of old Lake Huron—today peace-
ful and quiet—bounds the view.This afternoon we take a ten mile
drive along it's shores northward to
Goderich—a large town on the lake and
railroads. Some idea of the roads can
be gotten from the fact that my nephew
made the ten miles with a single rig
easily in one hour and three minutes
the other day "just easy going!" When
can we do this in St. Lucie?We expect to return to Toronto in a
short time and will then go to the
"Kawatha Lakes" for the balance of
our outing.Nothing could exceed the enjoyment
we are having. The dear friends are
so hospitable and kind. I am rejoicing
in renewed health and strength, and
enjoy hill climbing, rowing and fishing
to the limit. Mrs. Nesbitt is happy as
usual, and contributing to the happiness
of all around her. With kind regards
and best wishes, I remain
Yours very truly, W. J. NESBITT.

Condition of Pineapple Market

Under lighter receipts the pineapple
market is in considerable better shape
this week. The weather was more con-
ducive to pineapple consumption and
this contributed to a boost in prices and
demand. Only 8,200 crates of Havana
pineapples and 3,500 Porto Ricos were
offered at auction. The market is firm
and prices advanced 15 to 30 cents Wed-
nesday, especially on 18s and 24s, which
are scarce and wanted. Havanas sold
\$1.05 to \$2.25, while Porto Ricos ranged
60 cents to \$2.30 for all sizes.Havana shipments are winding up
rapidly. All advices indicate that the
movement from now on will be light.
Receivers expect prices will go higher.
Announcement has been received of only
one ship sailing from Porto Rico next
week, and it will have only 3,000 crates.Florida pineapples are almost off the
market. The pines are the best come
here. They are bringing better prices
as a result of their superior quality.
The 24s sell \$3 to \$3.25 and 30s \$2.37
to \$2.50. Abakkas are in moderately
heavy supply and the small ones are
dragging at \$1.75 to \$2.—Produce News.RELIC OF ANTIQUITY
LATELY UNCOVEREDA gold-embroidered and very valuable
Mason's apron, at least a thousand
years old, was found on a mummy
which Captain E. W. Sprague, of the
American schooner, Columbia, picked
up on his last trip to Callao, for a few
dollars. The gold thread in the apron
is alone worth upward of \$70.00.The Mason's apron is hand-emb-
roidered and of antique design, the
figures and emblems being worked in
real gold thread.Captain Sprague bought the apron
from a contractor who did not recog-
nize its value, and who unwittingly
purchased a mummy and was anxious
to get rid of the thing.Many high Masons have called upon
Captain Sprague and attempted to
decipher some of the symbols, but no
one has yet been able to read all of
them. All agree that the work is very
old, and that it belonged to a very
high degree Mason.Judging from the mummy and other
contents of the box in which the apron
was found, it is estimated that the
apron was made a thousand years ago,
and was probably carried into Peru by
some of the conquerors. In the center
of the apron is worked the face of a
temple, and set above the door are
three poorly cut and mis-shapen di-
amonds. The apron shows evidence of
having contained at some time or other
over 100 of these jewels all of which
with the exception of the three men-
tioned, were picked out and stolen by
the workmen who uncovered the box.
The three were left out of superstition.What looks like the letters "O" and
"Z" appear on either side of the tem-
ple. There are also the square and
compass, the scales and several other
emblems.—Daytona Journal.NEGRO PAYS
THE PENALTYAaron Bailey Hung for the Mur-
der of Jim Patterson at Viking

SHOWS COURAGE TO END

Prisoner, from the Scaffold, Addresses the
Crowd—First Execution in St. Lucie
County was a Successful One.Aaron Bailey, alias Aaron Williams,
colored, was hanged in the jail yard last
Friday. The man's neck was broken by
the fall and he was pronounced dead
in eleven minutes by Drs. VanLand-
ingham and Rollins. Bailey made an im-
passioned appeal to his hearers to mend
their ways and profit by his fate.Bailey did not show any signs of
weakening and displayed splendid nerve.
When Sheriff Carlton visited the prison
Friday morning, Bailey asked that he
be permitted to speak from the gal-
lows. When the wish was granted he
appeared pleased, thanked the sheriff
and dressed himself carefully in a new
black suit. At 9:30 Sheriff Carlton
told the prisoner that all was ready.
He jumped to his feet and held out his
hands for the handcuffs. In one hand
he held his well worn little bible and
hymn book while in the other he had a
large bible. Then the march to the
gallows was begun. Williams between
Sheriff Carlton and Sheriff J. P. Brown,
of Brevard county, leading, followed
by the witnesses, walked out the front
door of the jail, to the side yard then
around the jail to the north side where
the scaffold had been erected. Will-
iams mounted the scaffold with a steady
step and when he reached the platform
the handcuffs were removed. Bailey
looked over the large assemblage which
had gathered outside the jail enclosure
with unflinching eyes. Long before
the hour set for the execution the
crowd began to gather and every van-
tage point was taken. On every side
cameras were trained on the doomed
man, but to them he paid no attention.He began by asking the crowd to sing
the hymn, "Just as I am," in which
many joined. In strong tones he ex-
horted the crowd to give up sin. "I
am going home now, going home to
rest, I don't want to stay in this wick-
ed world," he said. He called on all to
take him as an example and mend their
ways. He pictured eternity and said
he knew he would spend it in heaven.
"The Lord calls everybody. Some
He calls one way, some another—me
he calls by the gallows. I am free and
willing to go." He asked everyone
who expected to meet him in heaven to
hold up their hands and nearly all the
colored people in the crowd responded.Bailey turned to Thomas Tucker,
who stood beside him, and laid his hand
on his shoulder and said: "This white
man has stood by me and taught me
the bible." He then recognized a
cousin outside the enclosure and said,
"Israel, you are my cousin, there is no
use of you being here to day. You
can't help me now, the time for that is
passed." He then scored colored
preachers and called upon all to visit
prisoners and do for those who were in
prison. Do you think I could stand
here as I am if I did not believe my
soul was saved?" He then closed by
reading from the bible the 5th chapter
of St. Matthew. He knelt and prayed
for a few minutes and then turning to
Sheriff Carlton, he said, "I am ready
to go home now." M. S. Jones Jr.,
bound the ropes about the man's feet
and hands and Sheriff J. P. Brown ad-
justed the noose about his neck. Sher-
iff Carlton placed the black cap over
his head and at 10:06 cut the rope
which held the trap. The body shot
down 9 feet and but for a muscular
contraction, was still. Drs. VanLand-
ingham and Rollins detected the last
flicker of the heart at 10:17. The body
was then cut down, placed in a coffin
and buried in the colored cemetery.Bailey, whose home was in South
Carolina, told Deputy Perry Carlton
that he had \$260 buried in the south
part of the county and that he wished
it sent to his wife and child in South
Carolina. This was the first time he
had acknowledged that he was married.
This was the first execution in St.
Lucie county and was most successful,
everything passing off smoothly. The
scaffold was built by L. S. Wharry.The crime for which Bailey or Wil-
liams suffered death was for the mur-
der of Jim Patterson in Viking in De-
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professing religion.THE TRIBUNE is in receipt of a copy
of the Springfield, (Mass.) Republican,
of July 2nd, which contains an account
of the golden wedding celebration of
Mr. and Mrs. John N. Corbett, parents
of C. M. Corbett, of Fort Pierce, who
recently went to Springfield to attend
the celebration. Portraits of the el-
derly couple, with a history of their
lives, occupy nearly a column in the
Republican.